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# *NPPTL Stakeholder Meeting*

*August 20, 2008*

*Les Boord  
Director, NPPTL*

# *NIOSH / NPPTL Update*

- **NIOSH Director**
- **PPT Program Evaluation – Update**
- **NPPTL / PSD Activities – Update**
- **Future Activities**

# *NIOSH / NPPTL Update*

## **NIOSH Acting Director**

- **Dr. Christine Branche,**
  - Effective July 14, 2008
- **Dr. Branche's Professional Background**
  - Occupational Injury & Environmental Epidemiology
  - Joined NIOSH July 2007, Principle Associate Director
  - Director of the Unintentional Injury Prevention Division,  
CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention & Control
  - CDC Goal Team Leader in the Office of Strategy & Innovation
- **Program Continuation During Transition**

# *Evidence for the National Academies' Review of the NIOSH*

## **Personal Protective Technology Program**



## **Presentations**

# *NIOSH / NPPTL Update*

## **NIOSH Goals for NA Review**

- **Conduct a series of studies to review NIOSH activities with respect to:**
  - Impact of completed research in the workplace
  - Relevance of research conducted
  - Significant emerging issues

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- **NA PPT Program Recommendations:**

- #1 Implement and Sustain a Comprehensive National Personal Protective Technology Program
- #2 Establish PPT Research Centers of Excellence and Increase Extramural PPT Research
- #3 Enhance Respirator Certification Process
  - Expedite Revision of Regulations
- #4 Increase Research on Use and Usability of PPT
- #5 Assess PPT Use and Effectiveness in the Workplace Using Life-Cycle Approach

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## **Program Evaluation Completed Activities:**

- PPT Evidence Package to NA — Sept. 2007
- Meetings, Lab Visit, Q&As — Sept. 2007 → June 2008
- Evaluation Committee Report — June 25, 2008

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nas/>

## **Current & Future Activities:**

- Study Report & Prepare Follow Through Action Plan
- Action Planning August through September 2008
- Action Plan Development October / November 2008
- Action Plan Review by NIOSH OD → Dec. 2008
- Action Plan to Board of Scientific Councilors (BSC) → 1st Qtr 2009



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## **Policy & Standards Development Branch (PSD)**

- **PSD Branch Staff**

- 5 to 13 Since April 2007

- **42 CFR, Part 84 → Revise by Section (Modules)**

- Rulemaking Process Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

- PSD Goal 2 Modules per Year

- **Module Development Status**

- Modules in NPRM Review

- 2008 Developed Modules

- Other Module Developments

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## **Future Activities**

- **November 6, 2008**  
**"No Fit Test" Respirator Workshop**  
External link: <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/mcohs/>  
(Registration is free, but required)  
Embassy Suites Airport, Pittsburgh PA
- **November 13-14, 2008**  
**2008 NIOSH Direct-Reading Exposure Assessment Methods (DREAM) Workshop**  
External link: <http://www.team-psa.com/dream2008/main.asp>  
Hilton Crystal City in Washington, DC
- **November / December 2008 (In Planning)**  
**Public Stakeholder Meeting, PAPR Concept Development**
- **March 2009 (In Planning)**  
**Public Stakeholder Meeting, NIOSH PPT Program Update**

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## **Today's Meeting**

- **Two Technical Concept Modules**
  - Closed Circuit SCBA
  - Supplied Air Respirator
- **Two Respirator Program Issues**
  - CBRN APR Connector
  - NIOSH Oxygen Prohibition
- **Meeting Format**
  - Presentations & Posters

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